

Application No. 09/869,282
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-236. (Canceled)

237. (Currently amended) A delivery device for delivering a marking device to a target site, said delivery device comprising:

an elongate member having a distal portion and a proximal portion, said distal portion of said elongate member configured to seat the marking device and advance the marking device with said distal portion to the target site;

an ejector coupled to said elongate member, said ejector configured to disengage the marking device from said distal portion;

a marking device preloaded in said elongate member distal portion, for delivery through the cannula;

wherein said marking device comprises a first component and a second component, the first component is a bioabsorbable suture-type material and the second component is a marker formed from a unitary piece of metal, wherein the second component is carried by the first component. ~~a compressed resilient material; and~~

~~wherein the marking device is a suture material carrying a metallic marker.~~

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238. (New) The delivery device of claim 237, wherein the first component includes multiple passes of the suture-type material forming a body.

239. (New) The delivery device of claim 237, wherein the first component is flexible.

240. (New) The delivery device of claim 237, wherein the second component is made from titanium.

241. (New) The delivery device of claim 237, wherein the second component is formed in a shape other than a sphere.

242. (New) The delivery device of claim 237, wherein the suture-type material of the first component is bent.

243. (New) The delivery device of claim 237, wherein the elongated member includes internal walls and the first component is resilient and in contact with the internal walls when preloaded within the elongate member.

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244. (New) A marking device comprising:

a first component being a bioabsorbable suture-type material;
a second component being a marker formed from a unitary piece of metal; and
wherein the first component includes multiple passes of the suture-type material
forming a body with the second component carried therein.

245. (New) The marking device of claim 244, further including a delivery device having an elongate member with a lumen.

246. (New) The marking device of claim 244, wherein the first component is flexible.

247. (New) The marking device of claim 244, wherein the second component is made from titanium.

248. (New) The marking device of claim 244, wherein the second component is formed in a shape other than a sphere.

249. (New) The marking device of claim 244, wherein the suture-type material of the first component is bent.

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250. (New) A marking device comprising:

a delivery device having an elongate member with a lumen;

a first component being a bioabsorbable suture-type material;

a second component being a marker formed from a unitary piece of metal; and

wherein the first component includes multiple passes of the suture-type material forming a body with the second component carried therein.